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HYDROXY-7-METHYL-19-NOR-17-PREGN-5(10)-EN-20-YN-3-ONE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, in order to present the claims for initial consideration using terminology and formats conventionally accepted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please amend claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-14, and substitute them for pending claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-14, cancel claim 8 and add claims 15-18, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. Highly pure (7 α , 17 α)-17-hydroxy-7-methyl-19-nor-17-pregn-5(10)-en-20-yn-3-one, comprising (7 α , 17 α)-17-hydroxy-7-methyl-19-nor-17-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one in an amount less than 0.5% by weight.

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